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LLPE Begins 1952 Vote Campaign

GIVEN A CALIFORNIA WELCOME.—San Francisco.—AFL President William Green is welcomed to California for AFL 70th convention by Gov. Earl Warren (right) and Mayor Elmer E. Robinson (left), who has appointed more AFL members to official municipal boards than any other San Francisco mayor and who is running for re-election in November with AFL support.

WEST MEETS EAST.—San Francisco.—Gov. Earl Warren of California, who took off for New York and an address before American Bar Association after speaking to the AFL 70th convention, exchanges greetings with AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, native New Yorker.

Starts $1 Drive, Registration, For Biggest Political Effort

San Francisco.—The AFL Labor's League for Political Education began the 1952 political campaign to defeat the Taft-Hartley class of 1946 in Senate and House as the AFL 70th convention came to a close.

The league authorized a campaign for $1 voluntary contributions and an immediate start to register union members, their families and friends.

It elected James McDevitt, president Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, LLPE director to succeed Joseph D. Keenan, retiring to devote full time to his position as secretary-treasurer of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department.

Earlier the AFL convention authorized a per capita tax increase from 3 to 4 cents per member per month to finance the political education programs for LLPE—establishing for the first time AFL financial responsibility for the important task of political education.

The action on the political league highlighted the closing hours of the 70th convention which brought these other developments:

1. Adoption of a foreign policy statement calling for peace treaties with Germany and Austria and revision of the Italian treaty, and more energetic leadership by the United States in economic aid, technical assistance, mutual military pacts and other steps to make and keep America, Europe and Asia strong.

2. Approval of the executive council's issuance of a charter to the American Federation of Hosiery Workers over the opposition of the United Textile Workers of America.

3. A demand that Congress act promptly on President Truman's request for changes in the defense production act which would eliminate the amendments requiring all costs to be passed on to the consumers.

4. A promise by Wage Stabilization Board Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger that there will be no rigid wage freeze.

The convention received visiting trade-unionists from a chain of free countries around the world, heard reports from AFL representatives abroad and fraternal delegates to and from the British and Canadian Trade Union Congresses, and approved a broad program of action that reached into every sphere of American life.

The convention pushed for adjournment late Sept. 25 with the election officers scheduled and adoption of the remainder of more than 100 resolutions.

In his valedictory as LLPE director, Mr. Keenan said that in 1952 organized labor has an excellent chance to redeem some of the ground lost in 1950 elections.

"This you must remember," he said. "1952 is just 6 years after that fateful 1946 election which put such a large number of anti-labor, shortsighted Senators in the Senate. This is the Taft-Hartley class. This is the one that every labor man should come out to defeat."

He said there are 20 anti-labor Senators and 66 House enemies of labor who must face the voters in 1952.

San Francisco.—The AFL streamlined its Political Education League for the most active campaign in its 5-year history in 1952.

A 4-point program was adopted with applause and bravos during the 4th annual meeting of Labor's League for Political Education, held in Civic Auditorium where the LLPE was born in 1947 as the AFL counter-attack to the Taft-Hartley law.

Delegates gave ovations to the reports of Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, retiring LLPE director Joseph D. Keenan, new director James L. McDevitt, and Richard Walsh, president International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and member of LLPE administrative committee.

Mr. Meany cautioned against overoptimism after victory and defeatism after taking a few political bruises. Delegates applauded Mr. Keenan's call to even greater activity in 1952 so "that if we are licked it will be with our heads up and fighting and not with our tail between our legs."

The following program was adopted:

1. A national drive for a minimum voluntary contribution of $1, handled through the international unions and sent directly by local union collectors to the league so that the league will assume the burden of all record keeping.

2. State leagues to conduct their own drives for voluntary contributions. Experience indicates that a national drive for $1 with the states left free to do as they like will result in larger contributions.

3. An immediate effort by all state leagues to seek out candidates worthy of labor support and capable of winning election in 1952. Go back from here and see that the local party leaders of both parties understand that labor's support is not to be taken for granted. Let them know that labor is ready to withhold its support from either candidate if none is acceptable.

4. Registration drives must be commenced immediately wherever they are not now in progress. There are still some parts of this country where less than half our members are registered and vote on election day. There is no use asking for good candidates unless we get our votes to elect them.

"This registration drive is one place where the international unions can do an effective job,' Mr. Meany said. "I will wager that there is still not a union in 500 which has a registration committee set up to see that every member is registered.

"Registration is not accomplished by speeches or resolutions. It is done by a committee going through the simple but thorough process of checking each member's registration in a card file and keeping alive every registered member with repeated mail, phone and personal contacts until all the cards are over in the registered file.

"Our tasks are great. But so are the stakes. Let us go out from here determined to do a better job."

AFL CALLS FOR RECONVERSION COMMISSION

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention called for a national commission to meet the problems of readjustment when the present defense mobilization goals have been reached.

Taking the lead in urging a continuing strong and healthy economy the AFL said:

"In view of the need for preparing for the day when our nation shall have reached its peak in armament production, our government should now draw authoritative representatives of labor, management, farmers and the public into a commission to formulate a program for meeting the problems of readjustment resulting therefrom and for ensuring the maintenance of a prosperous civilian economy."

Per Capita Tax Raised to 4 Cents

Will Help In Financing Educational Work of Political League

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention voted unanimously and without a question an increase in the per capita tax from 3 to 4 cents a member per month.

The boost will raise AFL revenues approximately $1 million a year.

AFL Vice President Daniel J. Tobin, chairman of the committee on laws, which recommended the boost, praised the convention for its action and said, "I will guarantee to you that not one dollar of it will be wasted."

The increased per-capita was requested by the Executive Council "due to the increased obligations of the Federation in the radio and publicity field and in its international labor relations work, plus a general increase of expenses of all kinds."

"In addition, the Council has assumed the full expense for the educational work of Labor's League for Political Education so that there will, in the future, be no necessity for the biannual levying of a voluntary assessment on the national and international unions as was done in 1948 and 1950," the Council said.

AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany outlined to the convention committee on laws detailed reasons for additional revenue.

His report to the convention showed that total receipts for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 were $3,811,800.12. Total expenses were $4,060,856.03. The amount of expenses over receipts was $249,049.91.

Expenses exceeded receipts for 8 of the 12 months.

During the period the AFL spent $1,813,547.22 in organizing activities. The balance on hand Aug. 31 was $949,944.24.

The convention voted also to change the fiscal year to end on June 30 instead of Aug. 31, as at present. This means the financial report at the 1952 convention will cover only 10 months.

The convention rejected resolutions to increase strike benefits, for per capita tax increases for federal labor unions and those recommended by the Executive Council. Per capita tax of federal labor unions was raised from 37 to 38 cents per month.

A resolution to establish a convention committee on the labor press was referred to the Executive Council.

NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME EVEN

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention was welcomed not only by the governor of the state, mayor of the city, president of the state AFL, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, but also by Rep. Frank Havenner, who said:

"As the Representative in Congress of the district in which this convention is now meeting, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to San Francisco."

Which is about as complete a welcome as any convention ever received.

Washington.—This official poster for National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, Oct. 7-13, shows a handicapped worker making an important contribution to defense mobilization.

APPLES PRIME

Washington.—The U. S. Department of Agriculture advises housewives that forecasts by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics point to a large crop of fine quality apples this fall and winter over most of the United States.

The expected crop of 121 million bushels—well above the 1942-49 average of 109 million—will exceed the normal output in every major apple section except the far West, where Washington state is looking for a smaller crop.

SHORTAGES TRIPLE

Washington.—Nonfarm occupational shortages have about tripled over the past year, rising from 21,896 in August 1950 to 62,325 in August of this year.

HARVEY W. BROWN

Frankfort, Germany.—Retired president AFL International Association of Machinists and former AFL vice president who resigned effective Sept. 1 as labor adviser to U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy after outstanding service.

Keep Strike Pay At $10 Weekly

San Francisco.—The AFL Executive Council advised the 70th Convention that the defense fund for local trade unions and federal labor unions is too small to warrant an increase in strike benefits from $10 to $15 a week at this time.

The Council made its recommendation on a resolution submitted at the 1950 convention by Secretary William Nagorsne of the Wisconsin State Federation to raise the benefits $5 a week and reduce the waiting time from 2 to one week.

"The potential draw on the defense fund in case of trouble is tremendous," the Council said.

LLPE Urges Register Now, Try to Get Good Candidates

A GAVEL TO BE HEARD IN WHITE HOUSE.—San Francisco—Jack Goldberger (left), president San Francisco Labor Council, presents to AFL President William Green at the opening of 70th AFL convention a gavel made of wood from the White House which Mr. Goldberger hoped "will be heard in the White House, in Congress and in our state legislatures, but most of all by our millions of AFL members throughout the country." The wood was obtained by Rep. Jack Shelley, former California State AFL president, and the gavel was fashioned by union labor.

San Francisco.—AFL members face 2 immediate tasks.

First, they should register to vote, and get their families and friends registered.

Second, wherever possible they should start exerting influence on both parties to put up good candidates for the 1952 congressional elections.

These 2 major points stood out in a report adopted by the administrative committee of Labor's League for Political Education. The league scheduled its annual meeting Sept. 24 during the AFL 70th convention.

The administrative committee warned AFL members to be on guard against an even more vicious and bigger smear campaign than that conducted by reactionaries in 1950. It urged local leagues to publicize the records of candidates. It said in part:

"For example, Senator Knowland of California has convinced many that he is a leading authority on how to lick the "Commies" in the Orient. But again there is the question: Is Knowland really doing as good a job as he talks? After all, we are all against communism just as we are all against sin. But talk is cheap.

"What the California league must do is get the eyes of California voters on Knowland's record of action. Here is his record on defense mobilization straight from the standard LLPE voting guide: Knowland voted wrong 10 times out of 11 votes.

"He voted against both economic aid and military aid to Korea. He voted against the Voice of America. He voted against Point 4. He voted against troops for Europe and against war contract renegotiation.

"The reason Knowland seeks publicity on foreign issues is to smoke-screen his anti-American domestic record.

"If he can, Knowland will keep all eyes on Chiang Kai-shek next year and hope that his fellow Californians will forget his vicious amendment to the Social Security Act scuttling federal safeguards over unemployment insurance.

"A recent survey made by Aldrie Revell, Madison, Wis., newspaper writer, showed that in Madison only 46 percent of the 3,434 AFL members are registered. Of the 400 members of one building trades local in Madison, only 60 voted in 1950.

"There is no question that we have the votes to elect a friendly Congress in 1952, but those votes are purely potential. Registration drives should be commenced wherever they are not being carried on.

"Of the 33 Senate seats up in 1952, 13 seats are held by Senators opposed to Taft-Hartley. All these seats are relatively secure. On the other hand there is an excellent chance of defeating several of the 20 anti-labor incumbents. A gain of 8 seats is needed to get a friendly Senate majority.

"On the House side the prospects for net gains are also good. Of the 114 vulnerable marginal districts, 66 are held by members who voted with the 48 by friends. We will need a net increase of at least 36 seats for a friendly majority.

"Wherever possible our leagues should start exerting influence on both parties to put up good candidates.

"Our task lies in the Southern Democratic primaries and in the general elections in the North to help keep the city workingman's attention on the bread and butter issues and not on the false issues and the misrepresentations that our opposition will raise."

THEY CALL IT PRICE CONTROL

Washington.—Retail prices of automobiles rose $55 to $400 under approval of the Office of Price Stabilization.

Under the law OPS must allow manufacturers to raise their ceilings enough to absorb added labor and material costs since June 1950 and permit dealers to pass along to the ultimate buyer all factory price increases and normal percentage markups.

PENNSYLVANIA AFL HEAD SUCCEEDS KEENAN.—San Francisco.—James L. McDevitt, 52, president Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor (left), was elected director of AFL Labor's League for Political Education to succeed Joseph D. Keenan (right), who has become secretary-treasurer Building and Construction Trades Department. Mr. McDevitt is a member of the Plasterers, business manager Philadelphia Building Trades Council and vice president Philadelphia Central Labor Union.

California AFL Votes Militant LLPE Program

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San Diego, Calif.—Internal harmony and strong ambitions for intensified political action featured the Golden Anniversary convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

The mammoth one-million member state AFL organization returned all incumbent officers without a contest. President Thomas L. Pitts of the Los Angeles Teamsters and 24 vice presidents were unanimously re-elected.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer and executive officer of the Federation, was not up for re-election since his present 2-year term does not expire until the 1952 convention. The convention boosted the secretary-treasurer's salary from $1,000 to $1,500 per month.

The state AFL policy program, hammered out in 4 days of floor discussion, called for militant political action, strong price and rent controls, voluntary recruitment of manpower for mobilization, wage increases for all workers to match rises in the cost of living, repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, prepaid health insurance, elimination of the cross-filing system now imposed on political candidates in California, adoption of FEPC legislation on federal, state, and local levels, and support of U. S. Foreign Policy as opposed to Soviet imperialism.

The convention determination to remain in the political arena was voiced not only in the unanimously adopted statement of policy on political action, but also in the militant speech of William McSorley, Jr., assistant director of Labor's League for Political Education.

In another key speech, Assistant Secretary of Labor Ralph Wright predicted the Truman administration would carry on the Fair Deal fight for a better economic and social order as well as continue its battle against Communist aggression in the international sphere.

While the delegates voted unanimous support of the national mobilization effort, they insisted that equality of sacrifice and full labor partnership in the administration program must identify the war effort.

The convention declared the 1951 Defense Production Act "inadequate and inequitable," and warned that strong price and rent controls were needed in an era of soaring prices and frozen wages.

In a human interest highlight, the 3 winners of the State Federation's first annual scholarship contest were presented to the delegates and received a thunderous ovation. The 3 talented high school graduates will each receive $500 awards to advance their college educations. All 3 came from trade union families. The contest was open to senior students in the public and private high schools of California.

Winners were Carolyn Wood of San Jose, Robert Edwards of Hayward, and Merrill Francis of Los Angeles.

LLPE Costs Less Than Taft-Hartley Lawsuits

San Francisco.—Operation of AFL Labor's League for Political Education has required less money than the amount spent by AFL unions in court, legal and other forms of expenses brought about under the Taft-Hartley law.

That economic fact was reported by the administrative committee of LLPE. The committee said in part:

"Experience under the Taft-Hartley law should clearly show us that we cannot win this fight in the courts, nor can we ever attempt to finance the multitude of cases which can be brought against us under the legal precedents already established.

"We feel that the threat against our trade unions can only be removed by outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

"Our experiences in the 81st Congress make it plain that such repeal will come only after a friendly majority is elected to both houses of Congress. We have an excellent opportunity to elect that majority in 1952.

"The total amount of money which has been spent by our national and state leagues on political education and political activities does not even represent a shade of the amount spent by our organizations in court, legal and other forms of expenditures brought about under the Taft-Hartley law.

"Political education is not expensive and it is actually a money-saving proposition.

"We should continue our efforts at all levels to raise the percentage of our members who are registered and qualified to vote. All of our efforts should be directed towards a successful drive in 1952.

"Our efforts toward registration must come early as many registration deadlines fall early in 1952.

"Our objective to help elect friendly members of both houses of Congress requires 3 drastic steps:

1. Acquaint our members with the political issues.

2. Help our members to become registered and otherwise eligible to vote.

3. Assist our members in voting on election day.

"To accomplish these steps and to carry forward their programs of political education, the state federations and local unions must have the cooperation and assistance of the national and international unions."

Frey Writes Union Story

San Francisco.—John P. Frey, president emeritus AFL Metal Trades Department, is writing a book about his trade union experiences of more than 50 years.

Mr. Frey, who became president emeritus in 1950 and was succeeded by James A. Brownlow, told about his volume in a message of greeting to the 42d annual Metal Trades convention.

Before reading the message, President Brownlow reported that Mr. Frey is "very fine" in health, comes to his office in Washington 2 or 3 times a week, and is busily engaged with his book.

Mr. Frey admonished delegates to strive for amicable settlement of jurisdictional disputes posed by the rapid changes in our industrial economy and for the voluntary acceptance of awards when the differences are adjudicated by the American Federation of Labor.

"Our entire trade union movement is based upon the principle of voluntary consent," said Mr. Frey, longtime associate of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL.

"It is only when there is voluntary acceptance of a jurisdictional agreement or award that a practical solution has been found."

Of his book, Mr. Frey said:

"It may enable some of our younger members to understand better the industrial conditions of years ago, and the ideals and policies which inspired the pioneers of our trade union movement in their courageous effort to help wage earners to improve their conditions of labor and standard of living."

Mr. Frey, who is the author of other volumes and numerous articles, said he expects to have the story ready in book form by the end of 1951.

New Hampshire Good Relations Award Given

Berlin, N. H.—Daniel J. Moher, Nashua, N. H., received the Benjamin Tolland Medal at the 50th convention of the New Hampshire State Federation of Labor for doing most to bring about closer relations between management and labor in the past year.

The award was established by Lt. Benjamin Tolland in a will written on wrapping paper before he was killed in action on Iwo Jima in World War II.

Aaron Velleman, Boston, veteran AFL organizer, presented the medal to Mr. Moher.

William H. Shea, Keene, N. H., and Frank L. Sullivan, Manchester, were re-elected president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

The following were elected vice presidents:

Bradley Callahan, Concord, 1st; Gale Young, North Swanzey, 2d; Alice Hoyt, Manchester, 3d; Harry Parr, Hampton, 4th; George Gauvin, Berlin, 5th; Daniel Moher, Nashua, 6th; Alda Guay, Lebanon, 7th; Robert Mochrie, Concord, at large; Arthur Connors, Nashua, legislative agent, Keene was selected for the 1952 convention.

WILL MEASURE UP

San Francisco. — AFL President William Green told news reporters that he thinks the new Secretary of Defense, Robert A. Lovett, "will measure up to the requirements of the job." Mr. Green is personally acquainted with both Secretary Lovett and his predecessor, Gen. George C. Marshall.

Indiana AFL Condemns Raids by CIO, Miners

Indianapolis, Ind.—Raids by the CIO and United Mine Workers on AFL organized plants were condemned in a strongly-worded resolution approved by the 66th convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

A committee was authorized to confer with AFL President William Green in Washington regarding the assignment of more organizers to Indiana.

A high-voltage campaign to elect liberal members to Congress and the Indiana General Assembly was approved by delegates to the 4-day session.

"We cannot hope to secure the enactment of favorable labor and liberal legislation if we continue to elect men and women who represent interests opposed to our welfare," the convention said.

It called for reactivation of Labor's League for Political Education in Indiana on all levels along lines expected to be adopted by the American Federation of Labor convention.

A resolution for election of federation officers annually from the convention floor instead of every 2 years by mail referendum was defeated. Federation President Carl H. Mullen and Secretary John Acker were re-elected last spring for new 2-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 1952.

In other actions, the convention urged repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act; union members to take off on election day and support of the proposal making election day a national holiday; opposition to local option or prohibition; support of the proposed St. Lawrence Waterway; a strong workers' education campaign; cost of living salary increases for Federation officials.

Evansville was selected for the 1952 convention city.

The secretary-treasurer's report showed 737 organizations affiliated with the Federation and a sizeable gain in financial assets despite rising operating costs all along the line.

Convention speakers included Gov. Henry F. Schricker, Rep. Ray J. Madden of Gary, George A. Haberman, president Wisconsin Federation of Labor.

Defense Production Administration to Ease 'Squeeze' if Possible

Fleischmann, Johnston Praise AFL Assistance

San Francisco.—Two of President Truman's top emergency economic administrators praised AFL help in girding the nation for defense against Communist aggression in speeches to the AFL 70th convention.

Defense Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann and Economic Stabilization Administrator Eric Johnston lauded the assistance of AFL officials and members for their programs to channel essential materials into defense work and lick inflation.

The convention heard other important addresses from Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman, Federal Security Administrator Oscar E. Ewing, Gov. Sidney McMath of Arkansas on the national front.

Reports were submitted by AFL International Representative George P. Delaney, AFL Latin-American Representative Serafino Romualdi, Fraternal Delegates Tom Yates and James Kelly from the British Trades Union Congress and Francisco Aguirre, Havana, Cuba, secretary of the Inter-American Regional Organization.

Echoing Defense Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson, to the effect that the civilian pinch is on, Mr. Fleischmann said:

"The period of the squeeze is really now beginning—and will continue for some time.

"The entire production of the nation will be greater than ever before in our history but there will be less manufacture of roller skates and scooters; less production of pipe organs and more of airplane parts; less television sets so there can be more radars; less washing machines and refrigerators and more equipment to produce such things as oil and power."

He said economic dislocations, including temporary unemployment, would result in many places during this period.

Mr. Fleischmann expressed concern about the construction industry, which is of vital importance to the AFL. He said there will be more industrial construction but less residential, commercial and public works construction.

"I give you my pledge that as long as the decision is mine, we will do everything we must to meet our defense needs and at the same time we will not unnecessarily reduce civilian production and the jobs that depend upon it," he said.

"We will remove controls as rapidly as we can, as soon as we can. Nor will we wait until they can all be removed at once."

He said when the build-up is completed, the country will have the capacity to turn out 30,000 tanks and 50,000 planes a year.

Mr. Fleischmann said labor "is doing a bang-up job" and urged AFL members to stick at it.

Mr. Johnston praised labor as the only group in America which fought for adequate Defense Production Act in Congress last summer.

"People went up to Congress and tried to defeat a controls bill this year," Mr. Johnston said.

"I have never seen such a disgusting exhibition of self-interest in my life as I saw up at the Congress.

"There was no group in America, with the exception of one, who came to the rescue and attempted to help us get a decent control bill. And that was the American labor movement."

Mr. Johnston, who plans to retire from the Economic Stabilization job in October, pledged that in or out of office he will carry on a running fight against inflation.

MEANY WARNS BUILDING TRADES.—San Francisco.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany (right) receives badge from Building Trades Department President Richard J. Gray (left) and Secretary-Treasurer Joseph D. Keenan (center) just before he warned that Congress and state legislatures "are going to pass further restrictive legislation unless we get some friends" in those places. Mr. Meany said building trades unionists are practical enough fellows to see that the battle won't be won on the picket line but in the political arena.

SIGN TELLS AFL STORY.—San Francisco.—It's held by Movie Starlet Eleanor Harlan, member AFL Screen Actors Guild, for AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, president Union Label Trades Department.

SMALL BUSINESS

San Francisco.—The AFL Building and Construction Trades Department's 44th convention endorsed the role of small business as a bulwark in national defense.

It called for establishment of simplified procedures on regional level and all means possible which will help labor and business build a greater America.

"The small employer's ability to survive and prosper is closely linked to the future of American labor with its high working standards," the convention said.

WANDER DIES

Los Angeles.—Harry Wander, 72, vice president AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union and director of the Eastern out-of-town division covering 37,000 members and 200 employers since 1909, died during the ILGWU executive board meeting Sept. 11.

U. S.-Labor Can Bargain

San Francisco.—Organized labor and units of government can bargain successfully.

They have proved it conclusively by the "excellent labor agreements" worked out by the Department of Interior and AFL organizations at Bonneville and Grand Coulee.

Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman brought that message to the AFL 70th convention.

One of the resolutions before the convention called for all-out support for House bill 554, introduced by Rep. George Rhodes of Pennsylvania, authorizing government departments to recognize labor unions for negotiating contracts and handling grievances.

"My department has recognized the importance of working closely with labor," Secretary Chapman said. "The department has pioneered in developing a collective bargaining program for government employes.

"At the great Northwest developments of Bonneville and Grand Coulee, excellent labor agreements have been worked out. They prove conclusively that when labor is made a full partner in economic enterprises it has much to contribute.

"They also prove that organized labor and units of government can bargain successfully."

Secretary Chapman praised AFL support for the government program to conserve and develop the nation's natural resources, especially the development of our streams to mean more jobs, more pay and lower electric energy costs.

He expressed satisfaction with the California State Federation of Labor's support for the Central Valley Project.

He asked the AFL to continue to support President Truman's Point Four program to help underdeveloped nations to grow stronger and more self-reliant.

GET UNION SHOP

Washington.—The National Mediation Board called joint negotiations between the railroads and the standard railroad brotherhoods on the union shop to begin here Oct. 3.

Working under the Railway Union Shop Law passed last Jan. 1, the brotherhoods have signed agreements with New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Great Northern and Lehigh Valley.

The mediation meetings will be aimed at obtaining an agreement on all other roads along the pattern set in the New York Central pact.

SOMERSET ELECTED

San Diego, Calif.—Pat Somerset, assistant executive secretary AFL Screen Actors Guild, was re-elected president California State Theatrical Federation.

PROFITS UP 100 PERCENT

San Francisco.—Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman told the AFL 70th convention that by the end of 1950, after taxes, American corporations were making a profit of almost $27 billion a year, more than 100 percent more than in 1939.

"That doesn't sound to me like approaching ruin," Mr. Chapman said. "It sounds like the record of the greatest prosperity in human history.

"And it makes me wonder—where are these people hurting anyway? Why are they so insistent that the country is going broke under fair deal policies?"

Truman Urges AFL Keep Fighting Inflation and Communist Aggression

By HARRY S. TRUMAN
President of the United States
(Message to the 70th AFL Convention in San Francisco)

I am truly sorry that I cannot come out and join with you at the 70th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor. As you know, I have just returned from San Francisco, and my schedule simply will not permit another trip to the West Coast at this time.

I went out to San Francisco last week to open the conference for the signing of the treaty of peace with Japan. That conference marked another step forward in our efforts to attain a just and lasting peace.

We are moving forward on the road to peace. But we still have a long way to go. You know that we must make the free world secure against aggression. That is what we are doing here at home with our defense mobilization and our mutual security program for helping our friends and allies. That is what we are doing in Korea where our own men are fighting for the United Nations to put a stop to a terrible act of outright aggression.

We must keep on with these things. They are essential elements in our great work of building peace and justice and security for ourselves and all free people.

But they are not the only jobs we have to do to reach those goals. We must also keep our own country a decent place to live in. We must go right on making it a better and better place for all our people. And we must help our friends abroad do the same thing for themselves.

All the guns and tanks and airplanes in the world won't save our freedom by themselves. The way to keep free institutions is to make sure they are put to work for the benefit of all the people and the protection of all the people's rights. That is what we have been doing in this country. And that's what we must keep on doing.

Neither armed aggression nor subversion, nor all the tricks and lies and subterfuge of the Kremlin, can stamp out free institutions that are really working for the people.

In keeping our democracy strong and in helping strengthen the other free nations, there is vital work to be done by all Americans. And no Americans have a bigger part to play, or a greater responsibility, or a wider opportunity than organized labor.

If we have learned one thing in the last few years, it is this: Where free trade unions are strong, democracy is strong. Where free trade unionism is suppressed, totalitarian forces are on the march.

The working men and women of this country are our greatest single resource. They are turning out the defense goods we must have. They are serving valiantly in our armed forces. Their skill and know-how and ability to do a job are the biggest assets that we have in our struggle to build a strong America and win the peace.

But more than this, the working men and women of America are together the great majority of our citizens. They have a great part to play in seeing to it that our free institutions are kept working to serve the interests of all the people and are not twisted to suit the purposes of the privileged few.

You in the American Federation of Labor and the other great labor organizations have a tremendous job to do. You speak for the 16 million organized working men and women of America. It is up to you to help them make the fullest contribution to our great production program and help them do their utmost as good citizens in the vital work of safeguarding and building up a strong democracy.

I know you appreciate this. I know it by your record in the past. I know how much you have done to promote all-out production in this defense emergency. I know how strongly and steadfastly you have supported the liberal cause and all progressive measures. I know how hard you have fought against those who seek to rob the consumers by pushing up their prices, and those would rob the working men by weakening their trade unions.

And I know very well how strongly you have supported the effort to build the strength of other nations of the free world. You have shown this by your support of our vital programs of economic and military aid and by your grasp of the meaning and hope in Point Four. And you have done more than aid these governmental efforts. You have gone out on your own to work with the free trade unions in other parts of the world to give them help and encouragement in working for a better life and resisting Communist subversion.

You have shown by these actions that you are good citizens of this country and of the world. I know of no more world-minded group than the American trade union movement.

These are great things. Keep them up. Intensify your efforts all you can. Leave nothing undone to help build up our strength as a free and progressive people. Keep on working back, why build the strength of free trade unions throughout the world.

I want to tell you this: Now is the time for all of us to do our utmost. Now is the time for action by all organizations and all individuals who believe in this country, in our democracy, in people and their rights and liberties. Now is the time to work harder than we have ever worked before to safeguard our country and its institutions, for they are threatened as they have never been before.

They are threatened by the danger of Communist aggression.

They are threatened by the danger of inflation with its terrible burdens on the great body of our citizens.

They are threatened by reaction here at home; threatened by people who want to turn the clock back, who want to strike down all the social and economic progress we have made, and by people who are using the threat of communism as a screen for their attacks on the very foundations of our civil liberties.

These are real threats, threats that must be met. The only way to meet them is for all of us—organizations and individuals alike—to join forces in the common cause, and work together in real unity to put down the dangers both from outside and from within.

I know the American Federation of Labor. I know that it will go on working for the interest of the people, as it always has. I know that it will join in this united effort.

Building Trades Hits Dual Union Overseas Raid

San Francisco.—The 44th convention of the Building and Construction Trades branded the "Construction Men's Association" dual unionism and called on members of AFL unions employed on overseas bases to seek settlement of their problems through their respective AFL unions.

The Construction Men's Association claimed department stores are attempting to organize building and construction workers employed by American contractors on outlying and overseas bases. James H. Dillon is president of the association.

The convention called on publications of AFL unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department to publicize this action.

The convention resolved as follows:

"The delegates to this convention are opposed to this form of dual trade unionism sponsored by the Construction Men's Association.

"The Construction Men's Association does not merit the support of the Building and Construction Trades Department.

"The publications of the affiliated organizations (should) devote some space to drawing to the attention of those men working on overseas bases that they should apply through their respective organizations for adjustment of any complaints they are experiencing in the employ of contractors on overseas and outlying bases."

STILL WORKING FOR BIG FARMS

Washington.—The 82d Congress is still working for the big western farm interests.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey pointed out that Congress quickly approved $950,000 for the Labor Department to import Mexican farm laborers into this country.

But it refused to vote one cent additionally for the Immigration Service to prevent the entry of Mexican "wetbacks" illegally into this country by swimming or wading the Rio Grande.

Urge German, Austrian Treaties, Revision of Italian Peace Pact

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention urged the signing of peace treaties with the Federal German Republic and Austria, and the drastic revision of the Italian treaty as part of an 11-point international relations program for world peace.

The convention reaffirmed support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, called for wider distribution of benefits among workers in countries receiving U. S. economic aid, pledged full AFL support for higher workers' standards in Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa, and praised the work of the AFL Free Trade Union Committee and its representatives abroad.

Following is the 11-point program of action:

Towards preserving and promoting international peace and freedom, furthering social justice, and fostering national independence and individual freedom, the 70th convention of the AFL proposes:

1. In line with the policy pursued in the signing of a peace treaty with Japan, our government should do everything in its power to have the democracies sign with the Federal German Republic a treaty recognizing its unconditional sovereignty and complete national independence. This is the first prerequisite for drawing the German people into the community of free nations and into the Schuman Plan and the Atlantic Alliance, where it can assume its rightful responsibilities in the defense of western Europe and enjoy the benefits of collective security and peace.

2. In accordance with the democratic aims of our nation's foreign policy and in order to prevent the resurgence of any neo-Nazi and other reactionary militarist forces, and to assure a healthy German democracy, dedicated to peace, our government should lend far greater encouragement to and support of the genuine democratic forces in Germany—particularly the organized labor movement whose spearhead is the 6 million strong German Federation of Labor affiliated with the ICFTU and a sworn enemy of all totalitarian ideologies and movements.

3. In pursuance of its repeated efforts to sign a treaty of peace with Austria, our government should hasten the conclusion of negotiations with Russia and, with or without Moscow, proceed, along with our democratic allies, to conclude such a pact of peace and friendship with the Austrian people.

4. In recognition of the utter injustice of the present Italian treaty and its incompatibility with full membership in the Atlantic Alliance, our government should lose no further time—regardless of Russian hostilization—to have Britain, France and Yugoslavia join with it in drastically revising the present pact, which is a serious hindrance to the Italian people playing their appropriate and rightful role in the European collective security system.

5. In order to strengthen the Atlantic Alliance as an instrument of collective security and peace, Greece and Turkey, whose troops have fought so valiantly and effectively under the UN banner in Korea, should be immediately accorded membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. (These countries were admitted at the recent NATO conference at Ottawa.)

6. In accordance with the charter of the UN, our government should initiate a vigorous appeal to the governments of the Middle East to sign a Regional Security and Prosperity Pact which should include Iran, Israel and Turkey, provide for joint effort in speeding the urgently needed social reforms for raising the living standards and democratic rights of the people, adequate refugee relief, and, under UN guidance, speedily and systematically eliminate every vestige of colonialism and special privileges for foreigners in this vital area.

7. In support of their peace policy in Korea, UN and our government should make every effort to resume peace negotiations with the aggressors, provided the truce conference is transferred to a truly neutral area outside and away from the scene of military struggle.

8. In continuation of our policy of unrelenting opposition to Communist subversion and usurpation of legitimate government, we reaffirm support of our government's present policy of according moral and material assistance to the developing democratic resistance movement on the Chinese mainland, to the furtherance of democratization of the constitutional regimen in Formosa and the strengthening of its Nationalist military forces thereon.

9. Cognizance of the need for preparing for the day when our nation shall have reached its peak in armament production, our government should now draw authoritative representatives of labor, management, farmers, and the public into a commission to formulate a program for meeting the problems of readjustment resulting therefrom and for ensuring the maintenance of a prosperous civilian economy.

10. In reiterating our support of the Point Four program, we stress that it should be applied with full agreement and participation of the peoples helped in order to promote in the underdeveloped areas education, health, technical and trade union know-how, and the rights and living standards of labor.

11. In order to foster a better understanding among other nations of our democratic way of life and institutions, and in order to combat the false Communist and other totalitarian slander campaigns against our country, the convention strongly urges our government to devise ways and means of making the Voice of America ever more effective and assuring it adequate funds for one of these tasks, all-important to our national security and role of international leadership.

MAKE AND KEEP AMERICA STRONG BEST WAY TO PEACE, AFL SAYS

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention advocated a strong America as the best way to gain world peace. It urged even more energetic leadership by our government. It said in part:

The Kremlin is fanatically driving for world conquest. Determined to help halt this catastrophic course, the convention declares:

Make and keep America strong to assure peace.

Make and keep free Europe and free Asia strong to do their share in preserving peace.

In this crusade for peace, freedom and democracy our own country has shown an increasing sense of responsibility and initiative (Greece, Marshall Plan, Point Four, Atlantic Alliance, Korea, Mutual Security Program, Japan).

The AFL calls for still greater American initiative and even more energetic leadership by our government. Our country should redouble its efforts to help weld a free and united Europe, inclusive of democratic Germany, into a prosperous and powerful unit. America should leave nothing undone to aid the free people of Asia to build progressive and healthy economies.

True to our ideals and traditions, our country should foster and assist the cause of national freedom and democracy in Asia and Africa.

Towards these ends, let our country lead in strengthening the U.N. and in preparing a plan for securing greater economic cooperation and prosperity among the non-totalitarian lands of Latin-America, Europe, Asia and Africa. That is the road to world peace.

Ask High Pay On Defense Jobs In NATO Lands

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention advocated full use of manufacturing facilities in Italy and other European countries, and the payment of the highest possible wages on American defense installations abroad, to implement the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Mutual Security Program for Latin America.

The convention said in part:

While our country, as the leading and strongest democratic power, must naturally assume the heaviest share in a speedy fulfillment of an adequate defense program, it would be fatal folly to have America bear the entire burden of rearmament. America should play the role of loyal and helpful partner and not be the sole contributor to patron.

Towards assuring equity in the bearing of rearmament burdens and towards reducing and easing the costly impact of rearmament on the weaker economies of our allies, we propose that:

1. NATO take steps to utilize to the maximum extent available plant capacity in countries like Italy and other European lands for the production of military equipment and armament. This will assure more economical and speedier results.

2. The principle of fuller collaboration should also be extended to the friendly and free raw material producing countries, Latin America, Asia, Oceania and Africa, so that they receive a fair price for the commodities they make available to the NATO members.

3. The AFL recognizes the necessity of American government departments and private corporations engaging in building certain defense projects in allied lands. But we strongly urge that in all such instances the American authorities and employers pay a higher wage than the usually inadequate scale prevailing in these areas.

Such a policy would present a truer picture of our country and its economy than the workers have hitherto had.

U.S. Aid Must Help Raise European Living Standard

San Francisco.—The AFL 70th convention said that U. S. economic aid to Europe must now be used to help raise the living standards of all the workers.

Following is a thumbnail sketch of AFL declarations on economic aid, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Latin America, labor in the Middle East, and the Free Trade Union Committee:

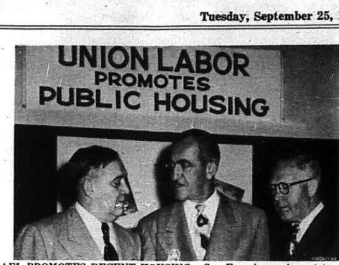
Economic Aid—While our government should not intervene in the internal affairs of any country, yet, in the administration of the aid program, it is proper for our government to exercise its considerable leadership in assisting the recipient governments to create an economic environment that will strengthen the democratic institutions, including the free trade unions. Programs for low-cost housing, improvements in social security, correction of inequitable tax burdens, and a more just distribution of the benefits accruing from the aid extended will contribute decisively to the accomplishment of these aims.

ICFTU—The convention reaffirms its faith in this mighty organ of democracy and peace, in this resolute fighter for ever better working and living conditions in countries and colonial areas where the people are now aspiring to their national independence and greater social justice.

Latin America—We have made our contribution in the progress achieved in the fight for the restoration of trade union rights in Peru. We have been unrelenting in our world-wide campaign against the anti-labor policies of the dictatorships in Argentina, Venezuela and other lands to the south of our country in the New World.

Labor in Europe and Middle East—In its mad drive for world power, the Russian dictatorship has frantically sought to exploit the difficult and depressing social and economic conditions in the Near and Middle East. The democratic powers should break with every vestige of colonial spirit and practice, and treat the peoples of this highly important area in a patient and just manner. Iran and Egypt are of vital importance in the struggle between communism and democracy.

AFL Free Trade Union Committee—Urges wholehearted support and commendations of the services of AFL European representative, Irving Brown; AFL representative in Germany and Austria, Henry Rutz; and Richard Deverall, Willis Ritter and Harry Goldberg, the Free Trade Union Committee representatives in India, China and Indonesia, respectively.



AFL PROMOTES DECENT HOUSING.—San Francisco.—An outstanding exhibit at the 44th convention of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department promoted the housing program keyed to a decent home for every American family. Joseph D. Keenan (left), secretary-treasurer of the department, hears that 20 AFL members are commissioners of California Housing Authorities from Daniel Del Carlo (center), secretary San Francisco Building Trades Department, and Lloyd E. Wilson, vice chairman San Francisco Housing Authority.

Woll Sees Attempt To Split ICFTU Ranks

(Special Correspondence)

New York.—A point-by-point rebuttal of an editorial in the London Economist distinguished British weekly, which had criticized American Federation of Labor activities in the field of international relations, was made by Vice President Matthew Woll and published in that magazine.

Mr. Woll is chairman of the AFL's International Labor Relations Committee and was chairman of the American labor delegation to the recent conference in Milan of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. The London Economist editorial attacked the AFL on various points. Here are the charges and point-by-point refutation:

Economist: The AFL has regional offices in Asia and Europe and there is resentment in Asia against these "lone wolf" tactics.

Mr. Woll: There is only one free trade union office in Asia which was established by the ICFTU. Neither is there a regional office in Europe.

Economist: The AFL has thus far refused to contribute to the special regional fund of the ICFTU.

Mr. Woll: The AFL has been making "generous contributions" to the ICFTU which are appropriated by AFL unions. The AFL has contributed "heavily" to the ICFTU regional organization in Latin America. The only other regional organization now functioning is in Europe.

Economist: "The divergence between the Americans and the rest (of the ICFTU) is that the former see the work of the ICFTU too exclusively in terms of the fight against communism."

Mr. Woll: "We of the AFL are proud of our pioneer and unwavering role of intense hostility towards every brand of totalitarian tyranny and our consistent and categoric refusal to have any relations or dealings with its agents and apostles—whether they be proponents and propagandists for communism, nazism, fascism, Peronism or Falangism.

"We are particularly glad never to have associated with the World Federation of Trade Unions which, in its inception and conception, was never anything else but an instrument of Communist infiltration and subversion . . . This conjured-up 'divergence' does not exist in fact. In the past this alleged 'divergence' has often been handled about by elements seeking to divide the ranks of the ICFTU."

Economist: "The undercurrent of friction (at the Milan Congress) revealed itself in an impassioned debate about a resolution on totalitarianism devised by an American group of delegates."

Mr. Woll: "In every essence, the resolution on totalitarianism offered by AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, was unanimously adopted by the ICFTU.

"In view of this complete identity of viewpoint," said Mr. Woll in his letter to the London Economist, "between the AFL and the ICFTU, your intelligent readers will reject your conclusion of July 21 that 'there is obviously some distance to travel before American workers are likely to see eye to eye with their fellow trade unionists in Europe and Asia.'"

U. S. STRONG

San Francisco.—President James A. Brownlow of the AFL Metal Trades Department, who witnessed some sessions of the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, told his department's convention that "never before in the history of the world has the United States emerged more strongly than from that conference."

"Whether we like Acheson or whether we don't, he dominated it (the conference) because he represented that which we also stand for—freedom of people."

Mr. Brownlow believed the conference will help to avert outbreak of another world war.

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